

Follow these tips for a safer journey.



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- Slow down in work zones. Work zones present hazards like lane shifts, sudden stops, uneven surfaces, equipment, and workers. Stay alert and be prepared to stop.
- **Check the weather on your route.** Hazardous conditions like rain or snow can greatly increase CMV stopping distance. Drive at an appropriate speed to avoid the risk of a crash.
- Be aware of long stopping distance. Maintain a safe speed so you can stop promptly if you need to.
- Complete vehicle pre-checks. Ensure you conduct pre-trip safety inspections, particularly for tires and brakes. This helps you control speed and your vehicle throughout your journey.
- **Review your route ahead of departure.** Be aware of detours, steep grades, and road conditions to anticipate when you need to slow down. Remember that large vehicles gain speed quickly downhill.
- Reduce speed on curves and ramps. Posted speed limits are intended for passenger vehicles. CMVs should reduce speed further on curves and entrance/exit ramps to avoid rollovers.

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